

APPROPRIATIONS FOR WAR

Quietly, unobtrusively, without the fanfare that has accompanied its other acts, the Roosevelt administration has been preparing for war. Recently the senate passed the war department appropriation bill, adding some 60 million dollars to the 545 million dollar bill that the house had passed, and bringing the total army appropriation to \$611,362,604.

Mars is a costly god and bids fair to become the American god. But the war appropriations do not tell the whole story of how we are preparing for war. In terms of manpower the so-called small standing army is being brought to the highest level of peace-time strength.

There is a deadly meaning in all these plans and preparations, all these blueprints, all this building and spending. That meaning is war. But what pulls and pressures have been at work can only be guessed at.

THE 3-DAY SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION PROGRAM

Cleveland, O.—The national convention of the Socialist Party in Cleveland will probably be the largest and best attended in many years. Hundreds of delegates and visitors are expected from all parts of the country over this week-end.

The convention will open Saturday morning, May 23, at 10 o'clock with Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the party giving the keynote speech. That same evening at 7:30 p. m., a public mass meeting will be held in the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium, East 6th St. and St. Clair Ave.

—a fear whose flames have been lit and are being persistently fanned by Mr. Hearst's newspapers—campaign. To that must be added the pressure exerted here as in every country by the war department and the general staffs—a pressure that is a compound of bureaucratic pride, professional jealousies, narrowness of world outlook, and the sheer desire to play with toys that you have gone to infinite trouble in making.

A careful study of the JSF convention agenda brings out the fact that our three day session, beginning July 3rd in Chicago will be very important. The various problems, such as the Future of JSF, our publications, our Youth Movement, the work of our Educational Bureau, decisions of the national convention of the Socialist Party, and many others are important for all JSF branches and affiliated units of the Educational Bureau.

All of our branches in the larger cities and JSF conferences can and should elect their full quota of delegates. In some of the smaller communities the branches are handicapped from doing so because of financial difficulties.

Special Train to Party Convention in Cleveland

Chicago.—A special train of National Convention delegates for Cleveland will leave Chicago at midnight on Friday, May 22. The round trip fare is \$8. All those going in one body will have the privilege of returning any time within ten days.

The important business before the convention will be the drawing up of a platform, election of a new national

the American people. In a period of our history in which militarism cannot help playing havoc with our national destiny, we are going in for militarism. The militaristic effect of all these preparations on our modes of thought is inevitable.

was extended to May 31. Every branch and affiliated unit of the Educational Bureau that hasn't already done so, should elect a representative. Let's have an organized group from Kansas and Montana. Let's have more branches, lodges and cultural organizations from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois report with delegates.

Admiration is the daughter of ignorance—Franklin.

OUR HERITAGE OF HUMAN FREEDOM

No matter what any person may think is wrong, there is this great big truth: This newspaper, not a very big newspaper as American newspapers go, can say exactly and fully whatever it cares to say, so long as it does not transgress the Tenth Law.

This newspaper has a freedom not enjoyed by any newspaper, no matter how great, in three of the great nations of the world. And there is an equally complete lack of freedom in a dozen lesser nations.

There is likewise freedom of speech. Any reader of this newspaper can hire a hall and say just about anything he likes about the government, local, state or national. And Communists in New York's Union Square can call for its complete overthrow.

Remember these elements of freedom. This newspaper can print freely; you can speak freely; our neighbors can assemble; we can all tell government what we want.

SOCIALIST CONVENTION RADIO BROADCAST

CLEVELAND, O.—Socialist candidates for President and Vice President will speak over a nation-wide radio hookup, from the national convention, at the close of its sessions Monday evening, May 25. This broadcast will be at 9:30 p. m., eastern standard time, over the NBC system.

For Women Only

"Three Women" is a tribute to the work performed by Russian women bringing about their present social order. What is it about?

Three little girls and one boy experienced the suffering imposed by the regime of the "whites." They were too young to understand what was meant by "strikes" in the factories where their parents worked, but they could understand that they were scuffed and pushed about.

The three girls grow to womanhood together. Together they, like thousands of other women, respond to the call to engage actively in the Revolution. The three women go to the front and care for the wounded. They do even more. When the time comes, they step into the places of

the men and operate machine guns against the enemy. There is no danger which they fear; there is no job that is not a woman's job. They explode forever the flippant saying that women have eyes "only to cry with."

"Three Women" glorifies Russia's womanhood in a way that would make Ziegfeld look like a manipulator of painted puppets.

In the world that is to be—in the Progress towards a scientific world—women will be called upon to exhibit more courage, knowledge, efficiency, and ability than at any time in the history of the race.

IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT ON THE BOTTLE, TOO!



SEARCHLIGHT

Socialists will have their attention focused on Cleveland, Ohio this week where the national convention is due to make some momentous decisions on party policy, the 1936 election campaign as well as the establishment of a unified party.

Our Slovene Labor Center is becoming a real social spot alright. Improvements are constantly being added and the place is fast taking on an air of truly sociable spirit and enthusiasm.

Pioneer Lodge No. 559 SNPJ purchased 2 shares in the Slovene Labor (Continued on page 5.)

Mayor Hoan and Chas. Pogorelec To Speak in Collinwood Sunday

Cleveland, O.—Under the auspices of branch 49 JSF and the 32nd ward branch of the Socialist Party in Cleveland, a mass meeting will be held at the Slovene Workers Home, 15335 Waterloo Ave., Sunday, May 24th at 3:30 p. m.

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